appeared in the Business Standard of the 21st April, 1990 captioned '3 Companies earn reprieve from export onus';

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by his Ministry to screen industrial licence applicants who are already defaulting on export commitments;

(c) whether his Ministry received details of export defaulters from the Ministry of Commerce; and

(d) whether Government are aware that M|s. Voltas Limited is an export defaulter and if so, what are the reasons for allowing it to have a foreign collaboration with Pepsi with an export obligation of 50 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While considering the applications for grant of a Letter of Intent various aspects like demand-supply position, availability of raw material, import intensity of the proposal, location, technological aspects, export potential, import substitution etc. including the applicant's record in fulfilling past export obligations, are kept in view.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A letter of intent in favour of M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited, a State Public Sector undertaking, was granted in September, 1988 for setting up an undertaking in Hoshiarpur District of Punjab, for the manufacture of processed potatoes|grain food, soft drink concentrates and processed food| vegetable products. The project has been approved to be implemented by M|s. Pepsi Foods Limited with foreign equity participation of 39.89 per cent by M|s. Pepsico Inc. of USA. 36.1 per cent equity by Punjab Agro Industries Corporation and 24 per cent equity by M|s. Voltas Limited.

The matter regarding an earlier default of export obligation by M|s. Voltas Limited still under examination.

**Increase in the prices of drugs**

*178. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 61 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug companies have submitted the break up to his Ministry as required under DPCO, 1987 before increasing the prices of non-schedule formulations;

(b) if so, what is the MAPE taken by the companies in each of the price increased non-schedule products;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of companies have not submitted the break up and increased the prices of their products more than 100 per cent;

(d) if so, what are the names of such companies; and

(e) what was the price of Tetnus Antitoxin, Iberol Tablets, Grymis Liquid, Actidil Tablets, Actified Tabs, Encephabol Tablets, Neurobion Injection, Masse Cream, Delfen Cream, Neosporin Eye Drops, Marzine Tablets before DPCO, 1987, present price and percentage increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. Under Para 11(2) of DPCO, 1987, any manufacturer who desires to market a new pack or revise the prices of an existing pack, of a non-scheduled formulation, may do so after furnishing the details of the proposed retail price and cost data in Form 2-A.

(b) Non-scheduled formulations being thousands in number, the time and efforts involved in collecting the details of

MAPE charged by such companies in individual non-scheduled formulations would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(c) and (d) By and large the companies have submitted the datail in Form 2-A before effecting changes in the prices of non-scheduled formulations. Study of such data reveals that only in a limited number of cases, increase in price is more than 100 per cent.

(e) To the extent available, the information is given in the statement (See below).

**Statement**

| Sl.No. | Name of the Product | Name of the Company | Price before DPCO, 1987 | Present price | Percentage increase |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. | Tetnus Antitoxin 1500 IU 1 Amp | M/s. Haffkine | 3.54 | 8.40 | 137.29 |
| 2. | Iberol Tabs. 25's . . . | M/s. Abbott | 7.63 | 13.76 | 80.34 |
| 3. | Grymix Liquid* 110ml . . | M/s. Boots | 1.63 | 5.45 | 234.36 |
| 4. | Actidol Tabs 2.5mg 10's . | M/s. Burroughs | 2.51 | 3.26** | 29.88 |
| 5. | Actified Tabs* 10's . . | Do. | 3.11 | 5.76** | 85.21 |
| 6. | Neosporin Eye Drops 10ml . | Do. | 4.98 | 6.32 | 26.91 |
| 7. | Marzine Tabs 10's . . | Do. | 1.40 | 2.75 | 97.43 |
| 8. | Delfen Cream 100gm . . | M/s. Ethnor | 29.50 | 29.50 | Nil |
| 9. | Masse Cream . . . | Do. | 19.25 | 20.57 | 7.01 |
| 10. | Encephabol 100 mg Tabs. 10's | M/s. E. Merck | 17.24 | 23.31** | 35.21 |
| 11. | Neurobion Inj. 3ml . . | Do. | 2.45 | 2.93 | 19.59 |

**These prices have been fixed by the Government during March, 1990.

**Payment of HRA by the Management of the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Nursing Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi**

*179. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Management of Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Nursing Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi paid HRA to their Office Superintendent and an LDC from 1976 to 1981 inspite of allotment of Government accommodation to them;

(b) whether it is in violation of the rules for payment of HRA; and

(c) if so, what action nas been taken in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The allottee of Government accommodation was not paid H.R.A. whereas the U.D.C. now Office Superintendent sharing accommodation with him was paid H.R.A.